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FOR AMBASSADOR SAXBE FROM ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH CHAVAN: SOUTH ASIA;
NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

1. WHILE WE ASSUME THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF AMBASSADOR'S SESSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MAY BE LAW OF SEA MATTERS, THIS PROVIDES USEFUL CHANCE TO GO OVER SOME OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS OF CURRENT BUSINESS. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON NON-ALIGNED AND SOUTH ASIA ISSUES. SEPTTEL RELATES TO TARAPUR.

2. NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: WITH THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT COMING UP NEXT MONTH, YOU COULD USEFULLY REVIEW WITH CHAVAN OUR HOPE THAT INDIA AND OTHER NON-RADICAL STATES WILL ASSERT LEADERSHIP AT THE SUMMIT.

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CAN BE FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. WE DO NOT WANT THE

SUMMIT TO BECOME AN ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA SOUNDING BOARD ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND TRUST THAT INDIA SHARES THIS VIEW.

3. ON KEY POLITICAL ISSUES OUR VIEW IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PUERTO RICO - WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PUERTO RICO CAN PROPERLY COME BEFORE ANY INTERNATIONAL MEETING. IT IS A

MATTER INTERNAL TO THE U.S. AND TO THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION IN FAVOR OF FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S. THE PRESIDENT MADE HIS VIEWS ON THIS VERY CLEAR IN A STATEMENT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PUERTO RICO.

(B) KOREA - WE DO NOT WANT THE TIME AND ENERGY OF THE UPCOMING UNGA SESSION TO BE WASTED BY ANOTHER CONFRONTATION ON KOREA AS A RESULT OF AN UNBALANCED AND EXTREME RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NON-ALIGNED. WE URGE THAT THE SUMMIT AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO INDISCRIMINATE SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION WHICH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF THE SOUTH KOREANS. IF THE SUMMIT FEELS THE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, THE BEST TRACK IS PROVIDED BY THE UNGA CONSENSUS RESOLUTION OF 1973, REAFFIRMING THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES BY WHICH THE SETTLEMENT OF THE PENINSULA'S FUTURE CAN BE ATTAINED BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

(C) PANAMA - FYI ONLY. SINCE WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE PANAMANIAN LEAD, WE HAVE DECIDED TO DEAL DIRECTLY ON THIS QUESTION WITH PANAMA AND NOT TO LOBBY FURTHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. END FYI.

4. AT TIMES IN THE PAST, GOI HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT INADEQUATE COORDINATION BY USG IN EXPLAINING AWAY INDIAN VOTES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA NOT TO OUR LIKING. YOU SHOULD STRESS TO CHAVAN THAT WE WANT GOI TO BE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR WHERE WE STAND ON NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT QUESTIONS AS WELL AS OUR GENERAL APPREHENSION THAT MANY GENUINELY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TEND TO BE INFLUENCED ON THE ISSUES OF

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GREATEST SENSITIVITY TO US BY STATES WHICH ARE OVERTLY HOSTILE TOWARD THE U.S. AND BENT ON TURNING THE NON-ALIGNED TO THEIR OWN ALIGNED PURPOSES

5. SOUTH ASIA: YOU MIGHT ALSO, IF TIME PERMITS, FILL CHAVAN IN ON HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT VISITS HERE BY AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER NAIM AND BY BANGLADESH DEPUTY MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR ADMIRAL KHAN. INDIAN EMBASSY

HAS NOT APPROACHED US ON EITHER OF THESE MATTERS. MAIN POINT TO STRESS ON NAIM VISIT IS THAT WE ARE EXTREMELY ENCOURAGED BY POSSIBILITY OF REDUCED PAK/AFGHAN TENSIONS AND HOPEFUL THAT THIS FAVORABLE TREND WILL CONTINUE.

6. ON ADMIRAL KHAN, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT BANGLADESHIS REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT RELATIONS WITH INDIA. AS FRIEND TO BOTH COUNTRIES, WE HOPE THAT GREATER PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN REDUCTION OF TENSIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO FARAKKA BARRAGE PROBLEM. IF CHAVAN ASKS ABOUT

BANGLADESH ARMS REQUESTS, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT OUR POLICY TOWARD BANGLADESH IS TO CONSIDER REQUESTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. EMPHASIS IN OUR RELATIONS REMAINS ON PROVIDING ESSENTIALLY ECONOMIC/HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

7. WE WOULD WELCOME A RUNDOWN FROM CHAVAN ON HOW THE INDIANS SEE SOUTH ASIA DEVELOPMENTS, NOT ONLY PAK-AFGHAN AND INDO-BANGLADESH QUESTIONS BUT INDO-PAK AND REGIONAL MATTERS AS WELL. YOU CAN SAY THAT WE ARE VERY ENCOURAGED THAT THE SIMLA PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION IS AGAIN ON THE TRACKS AND THINK BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN DESERVE FULL CREDIT FOR THEIR STATESMANLIKE ATTITUDE. AS WE HAVE INDICATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, OUR OVERALL GOAL IN SOUTH ASIA REMAINS A STABLE AND PEACEFUL REGION AND THEREFORE WE WELCOME THE GENERALLY POSITIVE TREND IN RECENT MONTHS. KISSINGER

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